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Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Revision Supplement ALTERNATIVE C

Theme

The theme of this alternative is to continue land use designations, resource outputs and activities, and management direction of the current Tongass Land Management Plan (as approved in 1979, amended in 1986, and amended by the Tongass Timber Reform Act of 1990). Timber harvest levels that contribute to maintaining local employment are emphasized, along with maintaining the variety of recreation opportunities and scenic quality currently available. Opportunities for local residents to pursue traditional life-styles, including subsistence and recreation, will continue.

Legend

Direction Common to All Land Use Designations		
All land use designations provide for the continuation of reasonable access to subsistence resources and the appropriate use of nonmotorized, motorized, and other means of traditional surface transportation by rural residents. With the exception of Wild Rivers and Research Natural Areas, all land use designations are open to mineral exploration and development unless otherwise noted.		
Wilderness/National Monuments		Area Affected
WW - Wilderness	Manage the preservation of areas essentially unaltered by human use to provide outstanding opportunities for solitude, primitive recreation, and scientific and educational uses. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical transport and motorized equipment is limited.	2,872,603 ¹
WN - Wilderness National Monuments	Manage the Wilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments that provide outstanding opportunities for solitude and primitive recreation and protect objects of ecological, cultural, geological, historical, paleontological, and scientific interest. Roads are not permitted and use of mechanical transport and motorized equipment is limited.	3,099,048 ¹
NM - Nonwilderness National Monuments	Manage the nonwilderness portions of Admiralty Island and Misty Fjords National Monuments to facilitate development of significant mineral resources, and to assure that mining activities are compatible, to the maximum extent possible, with the purposes for which the Monument was established.	159,372 ²
Natural Setting		
RA - Research Natural Area	Manage areas for research and education and/or to maintain natural diversity on National Forest System lands. Current natural conditions are maintained as far as possible. No timber harvest is scheduled.	53,366 ³
SA - Special Interest Area	Provide for the protection and interpretation of selected areas with unique archaeological, historical, prehistoric, scientific, geological, biological, or paleontological features. No timber harvest is scheduled. Roads will not be permitted unless compatible with management objectives.	121,866 ⁴
OA - Other Area	Emphasize stewardship and protection of lands for which there is no other specific land use emphasis. Timber harvest generally does not occur and roads are normally present only when necessary to access adjacent land use designations.	33,036
PR - Primitive Recreation	Provide for recreation opportunities and experiences outside Wilderness in unmodified cultural landscapes where recreation with other facilities is frequent, and the opportunity for independence and closeness to nature is high. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are absent.	3,975,046
MW - Enacted Municipal Watersheds	Manage enacted municipal watersheds to meet State Water Quality Standards for domestic use. No timber harvesting will be scheduled, but infested and diseased timber may be removed under conditions which safeguard the quantity and quality of water. Roads are limited to those needed to administer the municipal watersheds.	9,773
OG - Old Growth Habitat	Maintain old growth habitat in its natural condition to favor old growth associated fish and wildlife resources. No timber harvesting will be scheduled and roads will be located outside the area when possible.	712,159
SP - Semi-primitive Recreation	Provide motorized and non-motorized recreation opportunities in natural and natural appearing environments where interaction with others is low and the opportunity for independence and self-reliance is moderate to high. When present, roads are few and used primarily to expand and improve access to recreation opportunities or for other purposes other than timber harvest and other ownerships. Timber harvest is limited to salvage of catastrophic events or beach log recovery.	1,555,084
LUD II - Land Use Designation II	Manage these Congressionally designated areas in a roadside state to retain pre-1900 character. Wildlife and fish habitat improvement and other recreational facility development is permitted. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads will not be built except to serve mining and other authorized activities and vital Forest transportation system linkages.	727,765 ⁵
WSR - Wild, Scenic, or Recreation Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers. No timber harvest has been made on this map between Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers. See descriptions of these designations below.	337,777 ⁶
Moderate Development		
EF - Experimental Forests	Manage to provide a variety of long-term opportunities for Forest research and ongoing research. Timber harvesting will occur only for these purposes. Roads may be developed to facilitate research.	11,872
SV - Scenic Viewshed	Management activities are not visually apparent to the casual observer in the near distance from important scenic recreation sites, or popular viewpoints and anchorages. In the middle to background distance, activities are subordinate to the landscape character of the area. Timber harvest is allowed.	916,472 ⁷ 374,854 ⁸
ML - Modified Landscape	Manage for a variety of uses. Management activities are subordinate to the visual character as seen in the near distance. In the middle to background, activities may dominate but are designed to be compatible with features found in the characteristic landscape. Timber harvest is allowed.	1,185,085 ⁹ 399,551 ¹⁰
Intensive Development		
TM - Timber Production	Manage the area to maintain and promote industrial wood production. These lands will be managed to achieve conditions favorable for the timber resource and for maximum long-term timber production. Roads are permitted.	821,069 327,048 ¹¹
MM - Minerals	Encourage the exploration and development of mineral resources in areas having high potential for mineral development. Management activities are subordinate to the mineral resource and are designed to be compatible with features found in the characteristic landscape. Timber harvest is allowed.	0
Not Identified Due to Scale		
BF - Beach Fringe and Estuary	Manage for natural beach fringe and estuary habitats, including windfall old-growth conifer stands, cliffs, and beaches above the mean high-tide line. Timber harvesting is limited to catastrophic events and unregulated management of old-growth habitat for riparian habitat. Roads associated with log transfer facilities or recreation may be located within the area.	288,354
SL - Stream and Lake Protection	Maintain or enhance fish and other riparian associated resources. Timber harvesting is allowed where not in conflict with maintaining or enhancing riparian associated resources. Roads will be located outside the area to the extent practicable.	352,703 ¹² 71,247 ¹³
WR - Wild Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as a Wild River. Shorelines are primitive and undeveloped. Timber harvesting is limited to insect and disease control. Roads are generally not present. Access is by trail, airplane or boat.	1,082 miles
SR - Scenic Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as a Scenic River. Shorelines are largely undeveloped but may be accessible in places by roads. Timber harvesting is limited by the ability of the landscape to visually absorb the activity. Roads will be designed to be compatible with the landscape.	146 miles
RR - Recreation Rivers	Maintain and enhance the outstandingly remarkable values of river segments which qualify the river to be classified as a Recreation River. Shoreline development may occur and the river may be readily accessible by road. Timber harvesting is allowed with priority to maintain existing recreation sites and protect proposed sites. Roads are permitted.	154 miles
Other		
TUS - Subsistence and Utility Systems	Emphasize existing and potential major public transportation and utility systems. Urban transportation systems are concentrated in areas well managed according to the land use designation included.	
Other		
Subsistence and Available Timber	The portion of Forested land in Scenic Viewshed, Modified Landscape, and Timber Production being considered for timber harvesting in this alternative.	
Non-National Forest		

NOTE: For a detailed description of the management prescription for each land use designation, see the Proposed Revised Forest Plan.

Where multiple land use designations are assigned to the same acres of land, the most restrictive standards and guidelines within the land use designations take precedence, subject to requirements of law.

¹ Within Wilderness there are 142,778 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; and, 39,076 acres of Research Natural Areas.

² Within Wilderness National Monuments there are 11,709 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; 46,180 acres of Research Natural Areas; and, 19,303 acres of Special Interest Areas.

³ Within Nonwilderness National Monuments there are 11,709 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; 46,180 acres of Research Natural Areas; and, 19,303 acres of Special Interest Areas.

⁴ An additional 8,250 acres of Research Natural Areas are found in Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; 3,977 acres in Land Use Designation II; 46,180 acres in Wilderness National Monuments; and, 39,076 acres in Wilderness.

⁵ An additional 11,767 acres of Special Interest Areas are found in Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; and, 15,459 acres in Wilderness National Monuments.

⁶ Within Land Use Designation II there are 48,729 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers; and, 3,577 acres of Research Natural Areas.

⁷ An additional 48,729 acres of Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers are found in Land Use Designation II; 11,709 acres in Nonwilderness National Monuments; 161,502 acres in Wilderness National Monuments; and, 142,778 acres in Wilderness.

⁸ An additional 26,459 acres of Stream and Lake Protection are found in Wild, Scenic or Recreation Rivers.

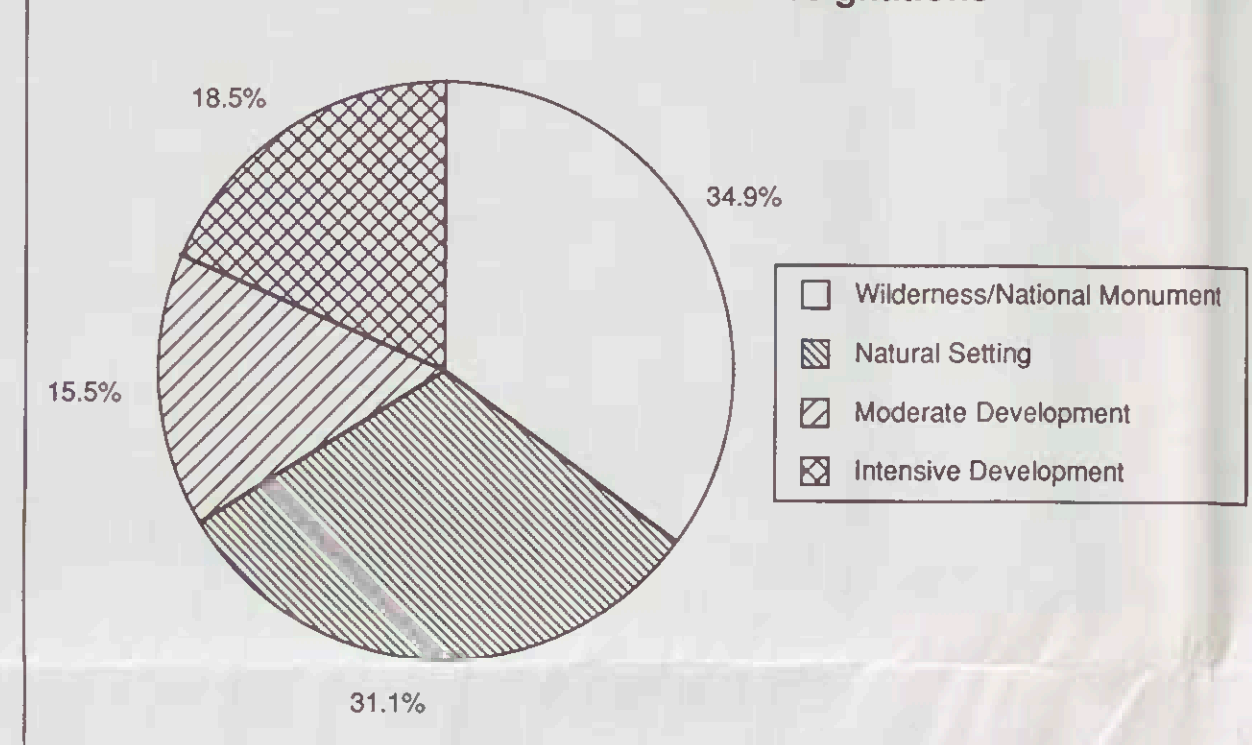
⁹ See Long-Term Sale Contract Boundaries, Timber Sale Schedule, and Transportation and Utility System map for specific locations.

¹⁰ Acres of timber scheduled for harvest.

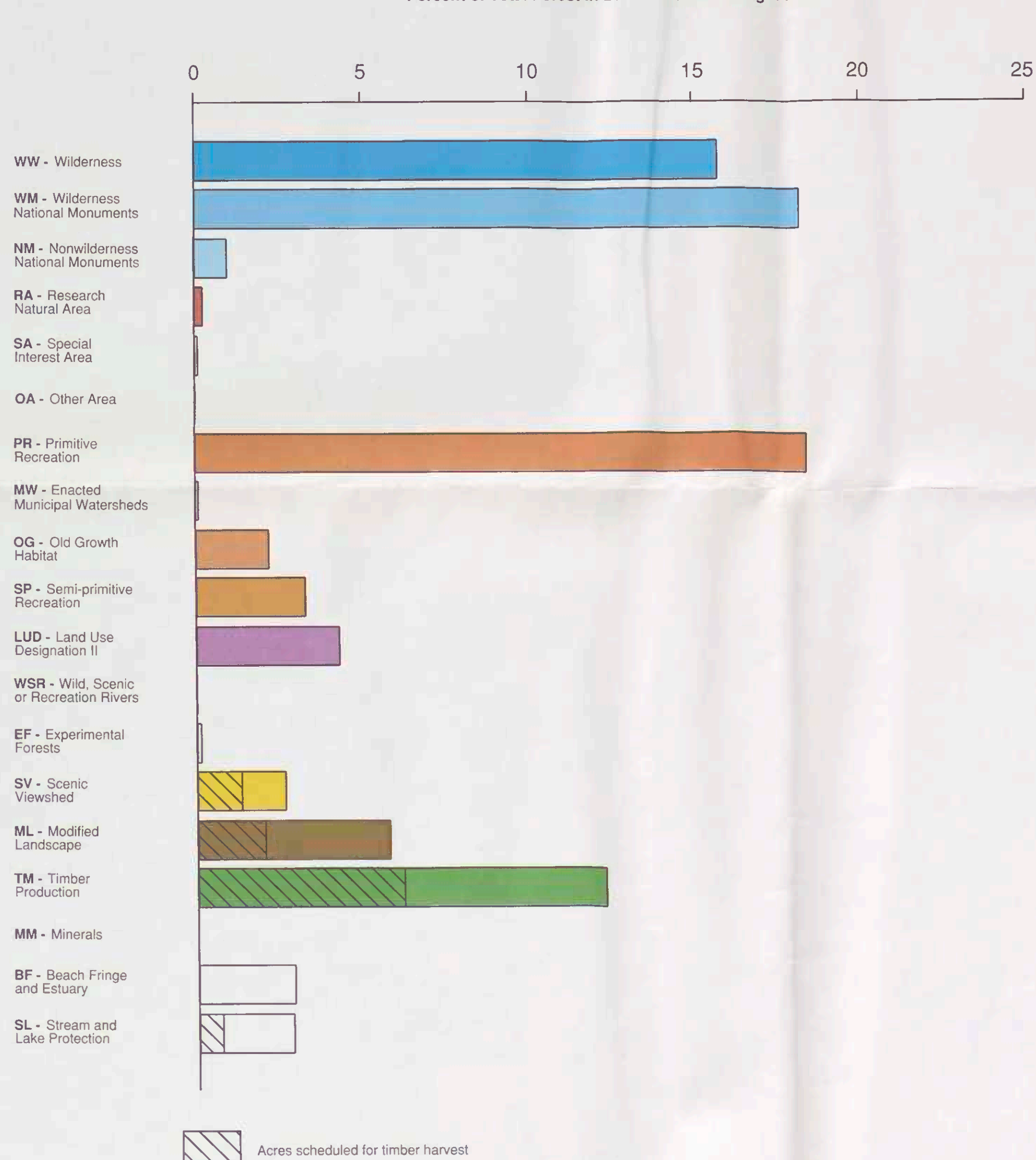
VICINITY MAP



Distribution of Land Use Designations



Percent of Total Forest in Each Land Use Designation



SCALE 1:500000

TONGASS *National Forest*

EXISTING ROAD TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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